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To the City Council and Seattle Citizens:

I am pleased to present the 2000 Transportation Strategic Plan Annual Report. It was a very productive year and much good work is reflected in this report.

The City of Seattle adopted the Transportation Strategic Plan (TSP) in 1998. It outlines strategies and actions to help achieve our Comprehensive Plan goals, including maintenance of transportation infrastructure and making transit, biking and walking more attractive choices. The Annual Report measures our progress.

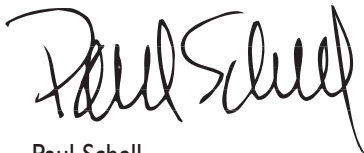
Since 1995 we have made a more than four-fold increase in our General Fund contribution to transportation. Last year that meant setting aside \$30 million of the City's General Fund, even as other non-City funding sources declined.

Highlights of 2000 include paving and chip-sealing, signal upgrades, bike and pedestrian improvements and more. Significantly, we also completed major seismic retrofit work that held us in good stead when the Nisqually Earthquake hit in February.

What will the coming year bring? We are looking to the State Legislature to implement recommendations of the Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation for needed investments and revenue sources. I recently released my Transportation Blueprint, a three-step program that would connect our neighborhoods to each other and give people more transit choices. And for Sound Transit's Link light rail, we'll be seeking consensus on key adjustments to the plan to allow us to move ahead with bringing light rail to the Puget Sound region.

We continue to make important investments in our transportation system and infrastructure. Please feel free to contact us at any of the addresses or phone numbers listed on the last page, and let us know how we're doing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Schell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Paul" and last name "Schell" clearly distinguishable.

Paul Schell  
Mayor